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SUBJECT: EGYPTIANS CONTINUE TO OBJECT TO UNEF PATROL BOATS

REF: USUN 6982; USUN 7005

1. DEPT BELIEVES ART II 2C (II) OF PROTOCOL TO SINAI II

AGREEMENT CLEARLY AUTHORIZES UNEF COASTAL PATROLS IN GULF OF SUEZ. IT READS QUOTE IN ORDER TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS, UNEF...WILL PATROL THROUGHOUT THE AREA BY LAND, COASTAL AND AIR PATROLS UNQUOTE. ONLY REFERENCE WE CAN FIND IN REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT FROM GENEVA PROTOCOL NEGOTIATIONS IS IN GENEVA 6999 OF SEPT 12 WHICH STATES QUOTE UN BROACHED AND ISRAELIS PICKED UP IDEA OF UNEF COASTAL PATROLS. THIS IS AGREED UNQUOTE. SAUNDERS DOES NOT RECALL ANY EXTENDED DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT WISH TO INVOLVE OURSELVES IN ARGUING MERITS OF PROBLEM, ABOVE IS FOR YOUR USE IN CASE SUBJECT IS

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RAISED BY UN, EGYPTIAN OR ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. WE CONTINUE

TO BELIEVE THIS IS KIND OF PROBLEM THAT CAN MOST USEFULLY
BE RESOLVED IN JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS.

3. FOR CAIRO: IF SUBJECT COMES UP WITH EGYPTIANS YOU MIGHT
NOTE THAT CURRENT EGYPTIAN POSITION (IF UN INSISTED ON
PATROL BOATS, EGYPT WOULD NOT PROVIDE PORT FACILITIES) SEEMS

SOMEWHAT SHORT-SIGHTED, SINCE ONLY OTHER PORT FACILITIES
AVAILABLE TO UN WOULD BE ISRAELI-HELD PORTS IN OCCUPIED
SINAI. YOU MIGHT ASK WHETHER USE OF THESE PORTS WOULD
REALLY SERVE EGYPTIAN INTERESTS.

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